

In the claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (New): A composition for use in asphalt and coal tar mixtures comprising:

an odor masking agent selected from the group consisting of:

concentrated extract of vanilla;

concentrated extract of peppermint;

concentrated extract of cinnamon; and

synthetic bubble gum fragrance;

a holding agent structured to bond with obnoxious odors while allowing the odor masking agent to be at least partially released, wherein the odor masking agent and the holding agent combine to effectively reduce and mask objectionable odors of the asphalt and coal tar mixtures, said holding agent selected from the group consisting of:

diethyl phthalate; and

diethylene glycol methyl ether.

Claim 16 (New): A composition for use in asphalt and coal tar mixtures comprising:

an odor masking agent selected from the group consisting of:

concentrated extract of vanilla;

concentrated extract of peppermint;

concentrated extract of cinnamon;

synthetic bubble gum fragrance;

lemon oil; and

orange oil;

a holding agent structured to bond with obnoxious odors, said holding agent selected from the group consisting of:

diethyl phthalate; and

diethylene glycol methyl ether.